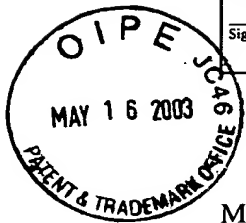


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 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7721M

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gutwein, et al. Confirmation No. 9947

Serial No.: 09/638,570 Group Art Unit: 1761

Date Filed: August 14, 2000 Examiner: A.J. Weier

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR UTILIZING DELAYED DILUTION, MIXING AND
 FILTERING TO PROVIDE CUSTOMIZED VARIETIES OF FRESH-BREWED COFFEE ON
 DEMAND



1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2003 (PAPER NO. 9)

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Dear Sir:

This response answers the office action dated February 12, 2003 (Paper No. 9).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7 and 8 without prejudice.

UNMARKED COPY OF THE CLAIMS

1. A system for making a individually customized brewed coffee beverage product from an extract comprising at least one of the following steps:

- a) delaying dilution of the coffee extract for a minimum period of about 5 minutes after onset of brewing of the extract;
- b) delaying mixing of the coffee extract for a minimum period of about 5 minutes after onset of brewing of the extract; and
- c) delaying filtering of the coffee extract for a minimum period of about 5 minutes after onset of brewing of the extract.

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection